

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Wear apparatus mountable on an excavating device support structure and comprising a wear member having:

5 spaced apart front and rear ends;

a cavity extending forwardly through said rear end and configured to removably receive a portion of the support structure;

10 an exterior side wall extending forwardly from said rear end and partially bounding said cavity, said exterior side wall having an interior side surface; and

15 a recess formed in said interior side surface, said recess having a first end portion opening outwardly through said rear end of said wear member, and a second end portion disposed forwardly of said first end portion of said recess and being enlarged relative thereto in a direction parallel to said interior side surface of said exterior side wall.

2. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:

said wear member is a replaceable tooth point.

20 3. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:

said second end portion of said recess has a forwardly facing arcuate abutment surface.

4. The wear apparatus of Claim 3 wherein:

25 said arcuate abutment surface has a generally circular curvature.

5. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said second end portion of said recess has a noncircular
configuration.

5 6. The wear apparatus of Claim 5 wherein:
said second end portion of said recess has an elliptical configuration
elongated in a front-to-rear direction.

10 7. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said exterior side wall has an opening extending inwardly
therethrough into said second end portion of said recess.

15 8. The wear apparatus of Claim 7 wherein:
said second end portion of said recess has a peripheral surface
defined by a peripheral surface portion of said opening.

20 9. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
a locking member rotatably received in said second end portion of
said recess.

10. The wear apparatus of Claim 9 wherein:
said locking member has a disc-shaped configuration.

25 11. The wear apparatus of Claim 10 wherein:
said locking member has an inner side portion facing said recess and
having a diametrically extending slot formed therein.

12. The wear apparatus of Claim 11 wherein:
said slot has a tapered configuration.
13. The wear apparatus of Claim 10 wherein:
5 said locking member has an outer side portion facing said opening
and having a noncircular drive opening formed therein.
14. The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said cavity has an elliptical cross-section elongated in a direction
10 generally transverse to said exterior side wall.

15. Wear apparatus mountable on an excavating device support structure and comprising a wear member having:
- spaced apart front and rear ends;
 - a cavity extending in a forward direction through said rear end and
- 5 configured to removably receive a portion of the support structure;
- an exterior sided wall extending forwardly from said rear end and partially bounding said cavity, said exterior side wall having an interior side surface;
 - a connector opening extending inwardly through said exterior side
- 10 wall into said cavity forwardly of said rear end of said wear member; and
- a projection disposed on said interior side surface rearwardly of said connector opening and being generally aligned with said connector opening in a direction transverse to said forward direction.
- 15 16. The wear apparatus of Claim 15 wherein:
said wear member is a replaceable tooth point.
17. The wear apparatus of Claim 15 wherein:
said connector opening is elongated in said forward direction.
- 20 18. The wear apparatus of Claim 15 wherein:
said projection is spaced rearwardly apart from said connector opening.
- 25 19. The wear apparatus of Claim 18 wherein:
said projection is a rectangularly cross-sectioned lug.

20. The wear apparatus of Claim 19 wherein:
said lug is elongated in said forward direction.
21. The wear apparatus of Claim 15 wherein:
5 said cavity has an elliptical cross-section elongated in a direction
generally transverse to said exterior side wall.
22. The wear apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
said rear end has an alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface
10 circumscribing the entrance to said cavity.
23. The wear apparatus of Claim 22 wherein:
said alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface is defined by
peripherally alternating forwardly and rearwardly curved portions.
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24. The wear apparatus of Claim 15 wherein:
said rear end has an alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface
circumscribing the entrance to said cavity.
- 20 25. The wear apparatus of Claim 24 wherein:
said alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface is defined by
peripherally alternating forwardly and rearwardly curved portions.